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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, June 14, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

<u>Day 1 Hazards</u>: Flash flooding possible over south-central-southeast TX into SW LA. Flash flooding also possible from the TX Panhandle into western and northern OK

#### **National Weather Service**

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## **Key Points**



#### Sunday

- Heavy rain over south-central to southeast TX into SW LA may produce areas of flash flooding
- Heavy rain/flash flooding also possible from the TX Panhandle into western and northern OK
- Marginal risk of severe thunderstorms over west TX and eastern NM with strong winds/hail the main threats Heavy rain with localized flash flooding over SE TX and southern LA

#### **Monday-Tuesday**

- Main impacts from tropical disturbance currently over the Yucatan Peninsula expected to impact the middle/upper TX coast Monday night and Tuesday
  - Tropical depression/tropical storm is possible
- Regardless of development, heavy rain threat will produce additional flash flooding/river flooding over areas of south-central into southeast Texas
- Heavy rainfall/flash flooding threat will also continue over northern OK on Monday

#### Wednesday-Thursday

• Tropical moisture will stream northward and interact with a stalled frontal boundary to produce additional flash flooding threat from southeast into northeast TX, SE OK, and western AR

#### **River Flooding**

- Red River in NW LA continues to slowly fall though rainfall mid to late week may impact river rises
- Ongoing river flooding along the Trinity, Sabine, Neches, Lower Brazos and the Nueces Rivers in TX may be impacted by additional tropical moisture and areas of heavy rainfall early/mid week

## **Key Points**

#### **Tropical Outlook**

- A sharp trough of low pressure across the Yucatan Peninsula is expected to move northwest into the Gulf of Mexico today. Upper level winds are expected to become more favorable for some development over the next couple of days. An Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter aircraft is scheduled to investigate the system this afternoon.
- Main impacts will be very heavy rainfall
- Wind/storm surge impacts will depend on eventual organization, but appear to be secondary to heavy rainfall threat at this time.
- Formation chance is 60%

### \*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jun 14, 2015 - Jun 18, 2015

DAY/ THREAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
Severe Storms	E NM, W TX	OK, NW AR			
Heavy Rain	SC, SE TX, SW LA	N OK, SE TX, SW LA	TX Coast/SE TX	SE TX-NE TX, SE OK, W AR	E-NE TX, SE OK, W AR
/Flash Flooding	TX Panhandle, W/N OK		E/NE TX		
Fire					
Tropical		Middle to Upper TX Coast Late	Middle to Upper TX Coast		
River Flooding	SE TX, NW LA				<b>~</b>
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Very Common – Happens Often
Common – Happens Frequently
Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

We are experimenting with a new color scale to the left as of April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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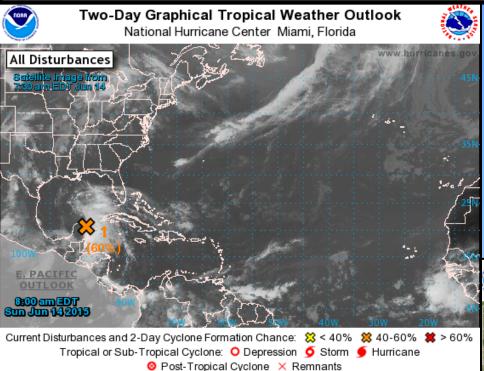


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Weather "Threat" Matrix					
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)		
Green	Very Common – Happens Often Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None	Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees  Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX		
Yellow	Common — Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>		
Orange	Uncommon — A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline	A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely     Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail		
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline	A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days     Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail		
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically results in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline	A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow     Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms		

## Atlantic/Gulf Tropical Weather Outlook



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Formation chance through 5 days is moderate at 60 percent



#### Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





Tropical Cyclone Formation Potential for the 5-Day Period Ending 8:00 am EDT Fri Jun 19 2015
Chance of Cyclone Formation in 5 Days: ☐ Low < 40% ☐ Medium 40-60% ☐ High > 60%
X indicates current disturbance location; shading indicates potential formation area.

## Eastern Pacific Tropical Weather Outlook

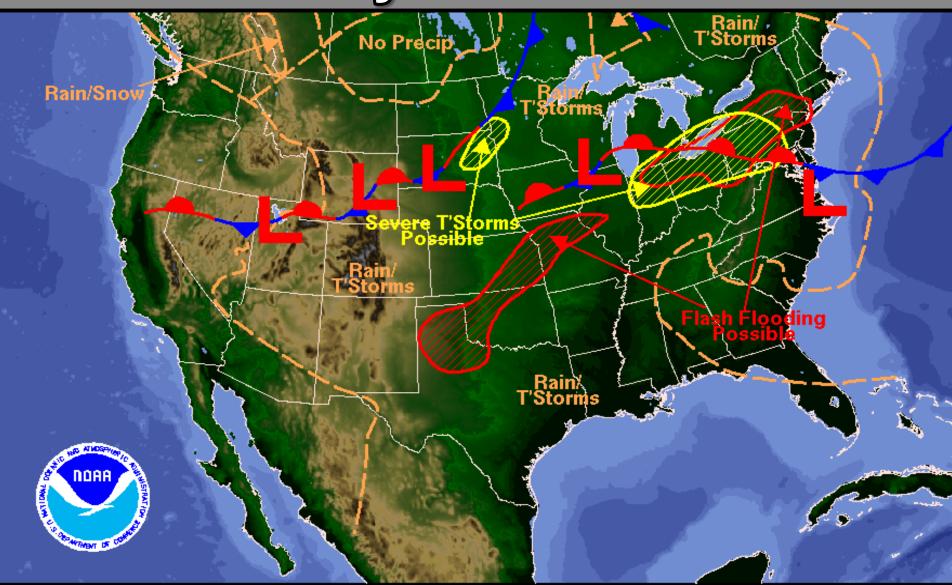


Additional tropical cyclone formation is not expected over the next 5 days

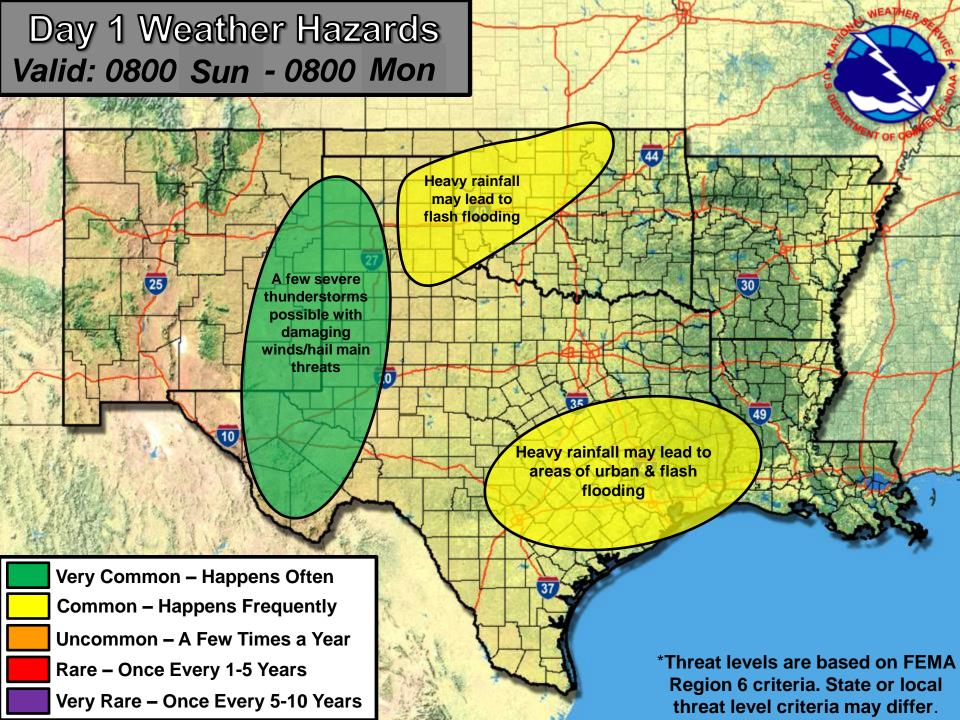


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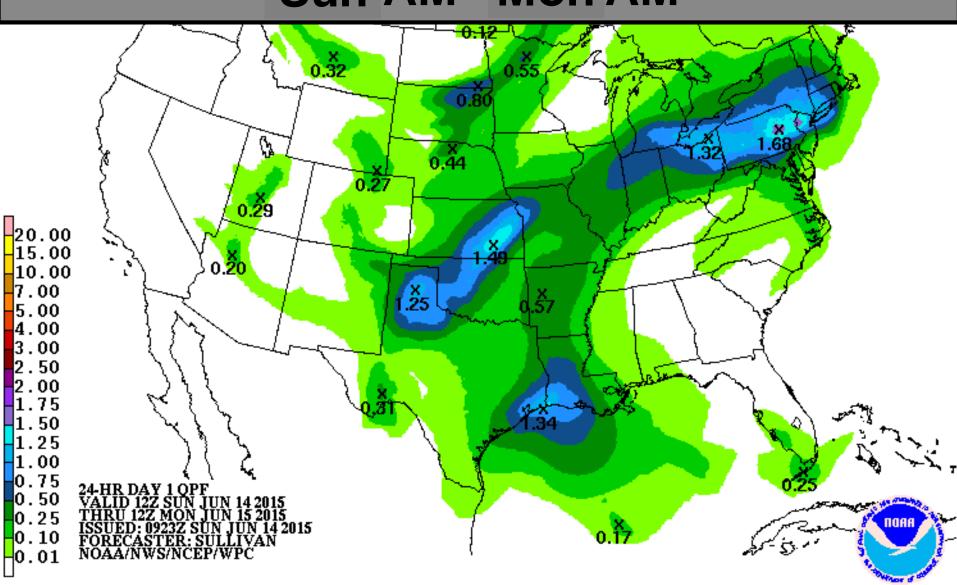
# Today's Weather



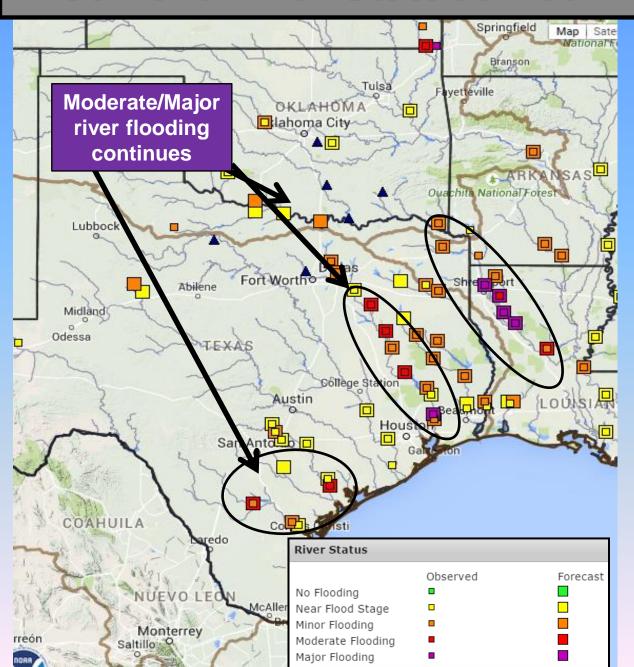
Weather Forecast for Sun, Jun 14, 2015, issued 4:07 AM EDT DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Campbell based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



# Today's Precipitation Sun AM - Mon AM

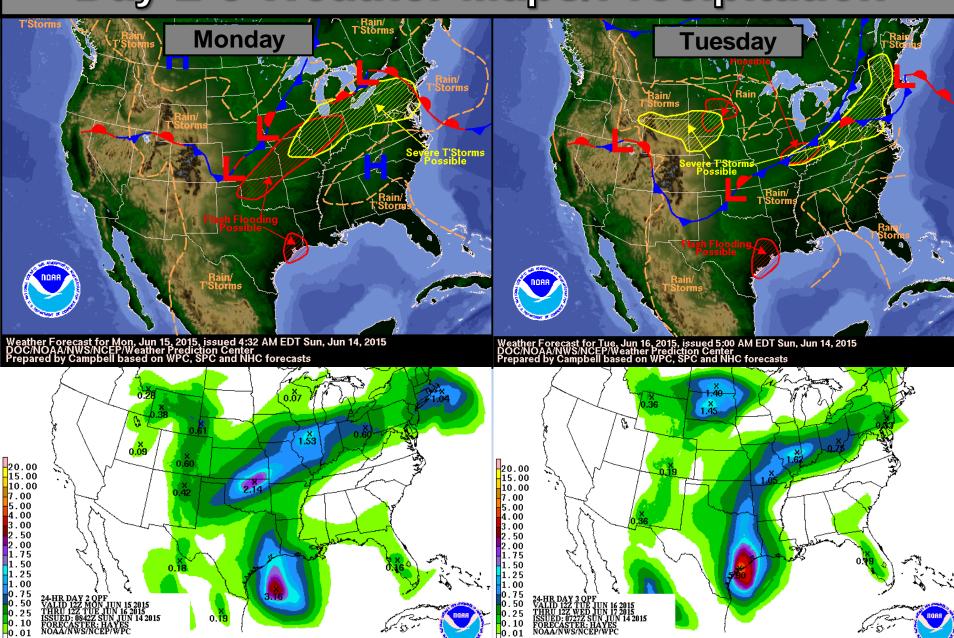


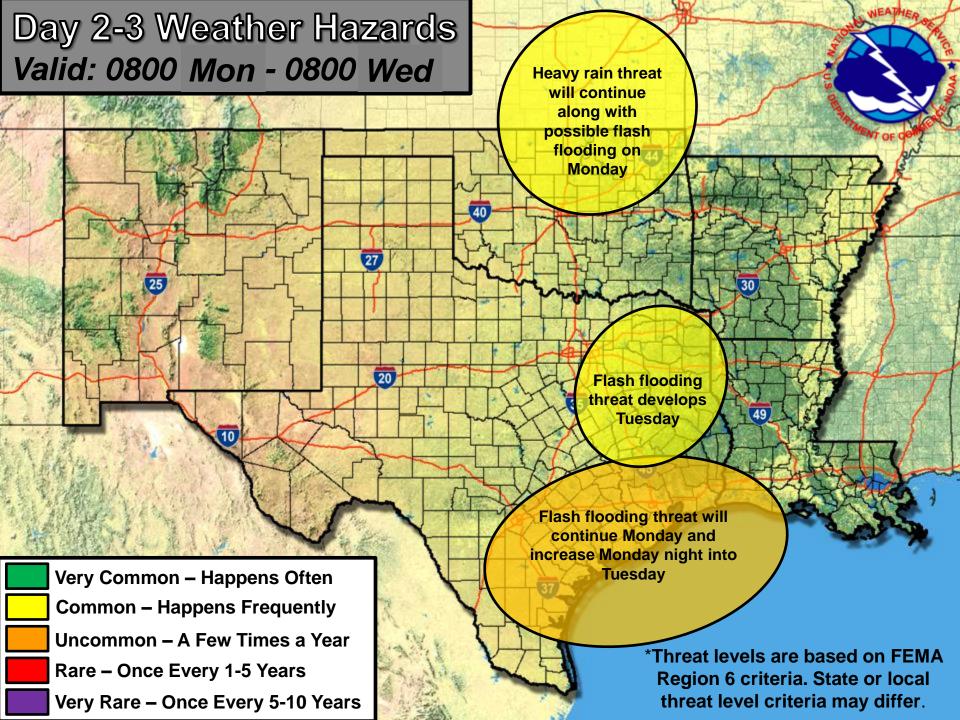
#### Current River Status / Near Term Forecast

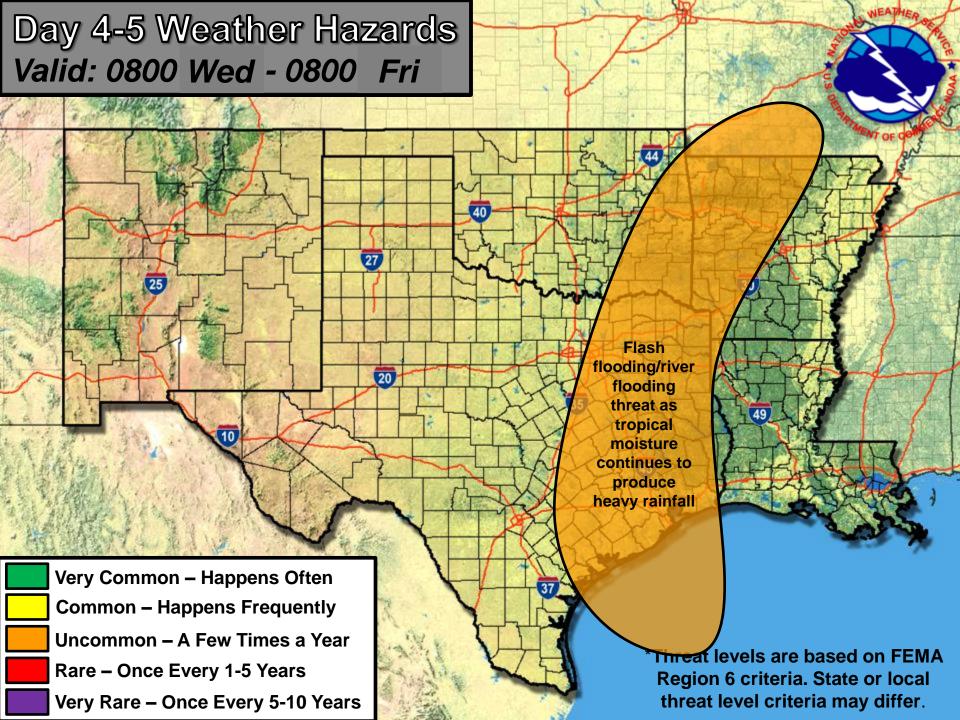


Rivers continue to slowly fall; however, heavy rainfall this week may lead to additional river flooding impacts

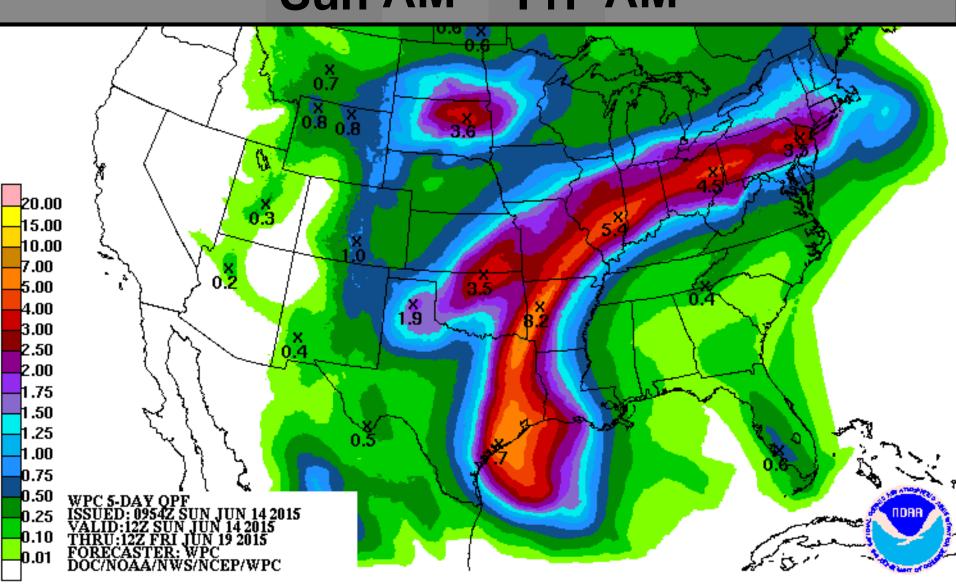
# Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation







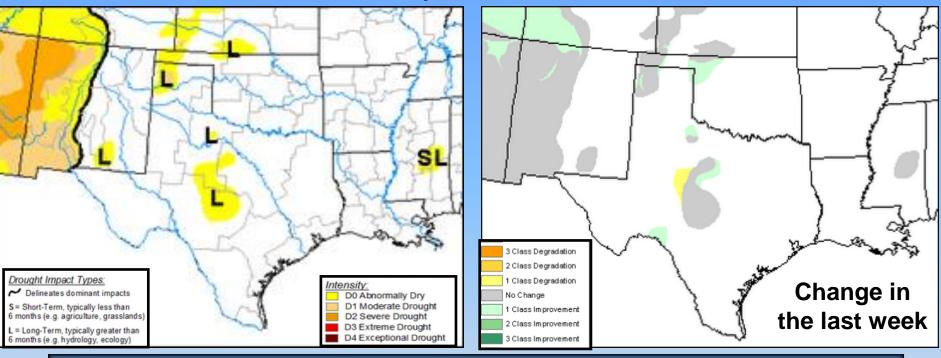
# 5-Day Precipitation Sun AM - Fri AM





#### Drought Monitor Released June 11th, 2015

#### Data valid as of Tuesday, June 9th, 2015 at 7AM EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)				
State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	28.29%	53.24%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	11.26%	23.23%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	29.24%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

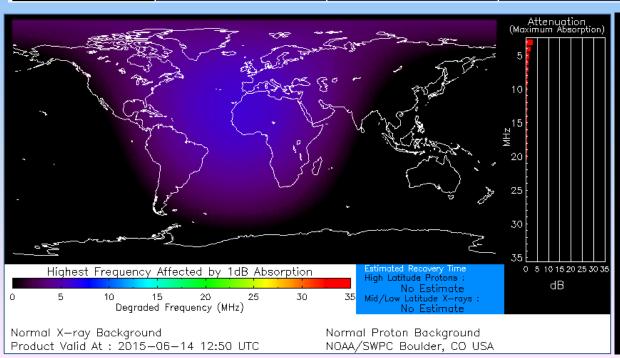
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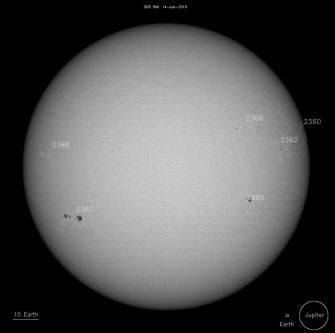
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp = 5)	Active to Unsettled (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	35%	25%	10%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	1%

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Description of the Space
Weather Storm Scales

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3-Day Space Weather
Forecast Text





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